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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Was not the land actually handed over by the Defence Ministry to one of the citizens of Madras?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes.

*Sales tax*

* 42 *Q*.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether any representations have been received to exempt from sales tax certain medical goods like asavas and arishtas, including draksharishtam and pippilavasavam, and if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir. The Government examined the representation and issued a Press Note on 15th March 1962 explaining the position. A copy of the Press Note[a] is placed on the Table of the House.

*Refixation of pay*

* 43 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether is is a fact that weightage has not been allowed in the refixation of pay in the revised scales of pay in the case of some teachers in elementary and secondary schools; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. Weightage has been allowed in the case of all teachers.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Am I right in taking it that the total service of a teacher as entered in the Service Register is taken for the purposes of weightage?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is so.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that Pandits of over 15 years of service and with secondary grade service in elementary schools have not been given proper weightage and will the Government re-examine the question?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : தலைவர் அவர்களே, பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியனில் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்ட தனியார் பள்ளிகளில் பணியாற்றிக்கொண்டிருந்த ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு அவர்கள் முன்னால் பணியாற்றிய கால அளவு மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அது இப்போது அரசாங்கத்தின் யோசனையில் இருக்கிறது.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government call for a report from the District Educational Officers to confirm that weightage has been given on proper lines to all teachers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If the hon. Member would put a separate question, I can answer.

* 44 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the minimum guaranteed benefit of five rupees in the refixation of salaries for teachers in elementary schools has been sanctioned; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) Under the rules for refixation of salaries, the minimum benefit of Rs. 5 is guaranteed only to teachers who had completed three years of regular service on 1st June 1960. There have been no complaints that this minimum benefit has been denied to any teacher who was entitled to it.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it not one of the recommendations of the Pay Commission that even persons under three years of service should get the benefit of Rs. 5, including menials, on 1st June 1960?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

*Provident Fund accounts*

* 45 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Provident Fund accounts of retrenched teachers absorbed in the Madras Corporation Elementary Schools in 1959 have been transferred to the Corporation; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) Out of 69 teachers who were subscribers to the Teachers Provident Fund, 53 have joined the General Provident Fund in the Corporation. The remaining teachers have not yet been absorbed into the General Provident Fund Scheme, since they have not applied for admission to the scheme.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are all teachers who were thus absorbed eligible for the scheme irrespective of the fact that they have not yet been confirmed under the Corporation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The number of retrenched teachers appointed during the year 1959–60 was 126. Out of them 69 were subscribers to the Teachers' Provident Fund in aided schools before they joined the Corporation service. Out of the 69, as I have stated, 53 have joined the General Provident Fund in the Corporation. The others have not yet exercised their option.